

MINUTES OF ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING - 1963

The annual banquet and business meeting of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on Saturday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Louella Gordon, college dietitian prepared and served a delicious buffet style meal. While enjoying the meal, those present heard words of welcome from the 1963 homecoming queen, Miss Kay Fulton of Philadelphia. The Bel Cantos, under the direction of Miss Virginia Avery, entertained with several musical selections.

President Jimmy Mathis called the meeting to order and welcomed friends and alumni. He also recognized the alumni by classes.

President Mathis appointed a nominating committee consisting of Mr. Tom Chisolm, Chairman, Mrs. Billy Neal, Mrs. Ovid Vickers, and Mr. Shelby Harris. The committee was asked to retire and nominate a slate of officers for the 1963-64 year. Realizing that the appointment of such a committee was unconstitutional, Mr. W. H. Johnson, Jr. made a motion that the action of the president be accepted and that a committee be nominated by the incoming president to study the constitution and make any recommendations for any changes necessary to improve the association. The motion was carried.

The nominating committee made the following recommendations for officers for the coming year: Miss Lucille Wood, ECJC faculty, President; Mr. Henry Hudspeth, Louisville, Vice President; Mrs. Madaline Mayes, Decatur, Secretary-Treasurer; County Vice Presidents, Mr. Henry Horton, Winston; Mr. Jimmy Rea, Neshoba; Mrs. Glenda Comans, Newton; Mrs. Jane Scarbrough, Leake; Mr. Jack Taylor, Scott. Mr. W. H. Johnson, Jr. made the motion that these be accepted. The motion carried.

Mrs. Madaline Mayes made a motion that \$25, from the alumni account, be paid ECJC to apply to the debt owed the college by the

Dr. L. O. Todd, Mr. W. A. Vincent, former ECJC presidents, and Dr. D. M. Montgomery, President, made brief talks to the group.

Upon the completion of business, a resolution commending W. A. Vincent for his contributions to East Central Junior College was read. The resolution was accepted.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Mayes
Secretary-Treasurer

Leville Wood
President

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 12, 1963

The Executive Committee of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association met in the Faculty Lounge of Sullivan Center on November 12, 1963. Those present were Lucille Wood, President; Henry Hudspeth, Vice President; Madaline Mayes, Secretary, Glenda Comans, Newton County Vice President; Henry Horton, Winston County Vice President; Jimmy Rae, Neshoba County Vice President.

The meeting was called to order by Lucille Wood, President. She expressed appreciation for the attendance and solicited the cooperation of each one in helping to promote ECJC in the counties and throughout the state.

Jimmy Rae made a motion that the following recommendations be submitted to the administration of the college asking for their cooperation in carrying out the recommendations: The motion carried.

1. The homecoming faculty committee be appointed before the end of the spring semester so that the faculty committee and alumni association committee can work together in planning the homecoming events.
2. That the ECJC homecoming date be set at a time not to conflict with the homecoming celebration of Mississippi State and if possible, other major colleges of the state.
3. That the picture of General Pat Wilson be hung in an appropriate place on the campus. It is suggested that the reading room of Burton Library be considered.
4. That the pictures of the Homecoming Queens, Mr. & Miss ECJC, and Mrs. Sullivan be restored and re-hung in Sullivan Center. The association will cooperate in every way possible to accomplish this.
5. That the trophies and trophy case be returned to the Student Center.

The Executive Committee feels that these things mean a great deal to former students and should be done.

A motion was made by Henry Horton that a news letter be mailed

Discussion was held on the possibility of holding county alumni meetings during the year. Action was not taken on this.

The meeting was adjourned with plans to meet at a later date.

Madaline S. Mays, Secretary
Respectfull submitted

Lucille Wood
President

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 15, 1964

The Executive Committee of the East Central Junior College Association met in the Home Economics Department of East Central Junior College on October 15, to plan homecoming activities. Members present were: Lucille Wood, President; Henry Hudspeth, Vice President, Madaline Mayes, Secretary; Henry Horton, Winston County Vice President; and Jimmy Rea, Neshoba County Vice President.

Lucille Wood, President, brought the meeting to order. Plans for the homecoming banquet were discussed. In order to give more time at the banquet for entertainment, it was decided that a business meeting of the Association be held at 4:30 on October 24. According to the minutes of the general meeting October 19, 1963, a constitutional committee has been appointed to rewrite the constitution. This will be taken up at the business meeting.

The following items were decided on for the banquet:

A check for \$100.00 be presented to the college to apply on the trophy case.

Presentation of alumni memorial trophies to the college.

Presentation of oil portrait of Miss Burton.

Special report from Winston County and presentation of check for Girl's P.E. Field.

Honor classes of 1930, '40, '50, '60, and 1939 championship football team.

Miss Wood read nominations for the "Alumnus of the Year Award", and the group voted unanimously to award this honor to Burris Olen Smith of Louisville because of his continued support of East Central, his community, state and country. This award is also to be presented at the homecoming banquet.

The meeting then adjourned.

Madaline S. Mayes, Secretary
Respectfully submitted

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 24, 1964

The annual business meeting of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association was held October 24, 1964, in Burton Library. Lucille Wood, Alumni Association President presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The secretary presented a financial report showing a balance of \$120.86 in the treasury as of October 24, 1964.

Miss Wood asked W. H. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of a special constitutional committee to report. Mr. Johnson read the proposed constitution to the group giving explanation where there were questions. After explaining the constitution, Mr. Johnson made a motion that the Association accept the constitution as re-written. The motion was accepted. A copy of the constitution is attached hereto as a part of the minutes.

A letter from Perkinson Junior College advising that an Inter-Alumni Junior College^{Association} was being formed was read by Miss Wood. The purpose of the organization will be to assist junior colleges throughout the state with legislation and publicity. After discussion a motion was made that ECJC join the Inter-Alumni Association composed of junior colleges.

The nominating committee, previously appointed by Miss Wood, was called on for a report. Mrs. Jessie Everett, chairman made the following report:

President, Lucille Wood
Vice President - Henry Hudspeth
Secretary - Madaline Mayes
Newton Co. Vice President - W. H. Johnson, Jr.
Leake Co. Vice President - Clyde Miller
Neshoba Co. Vice President - Mrs. Janice Fulton
Scott Co. Vice President - Jack Taylor
Winston Co. Vice President - Olen Smith

Upon motion by W. H. Johnson, Jr., this report was unanimously accepted. The meeting then adjourned.

Madaline J. Mayes, Secretary
Respectfully submitted, Secretary

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association met March 9, 1965 in the Home Economics Department of East Central Junior College. Those present were Lucille Wood, President; Olen Smith, Vice President, and Madaline Mayes, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Wood, President. After discussing possible projects for the Association to sponsor for 1965, the following were decided upon:

That a newsletter be mailed to alumni containing information about East Central and the Alumni Association.

Selection of Alumnus of the Year.

That a present or former faculty member be honored and presented a plaque at homecoming.

Newly acquired alumni memorial trophies be presented to the school.

That an effort be made to secure a complete list of former students who attained the honors of All-State and All-American in athletes and that their pictures be framed and hung in the new coaches office.

Mr. Olen Smith announced that the Winston County Alumni planned to give a scholarship in the amount of \$100.00 for a deserving Winston County senior to attend East Central. He asked that a committee from the college be selected to draw up the criteria for the selection of the recipient.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Madaline S. Mayes
Secretary

Lucille Wood
President

The Executive Committee of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association met October 12, 1965 in the private dining hall of the East Central campus for the purpose of planning activities for the 1965 homecoming. Those present were, Lucille Wood, President, W. H. Johnson, Jr., Newton County Vice President, Madaline Mayes, Secretary. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Thrash and Rudolph Mayes were welcomed as guests. Mr. Thrash is chairman of the East Central Junior College faculty homecoming committee.

The following time procedure was decided upon for homecoming activities:

- 4:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Business meeting of Alumni Association
- 6:00 p.m. - Alumni Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. - Football game

Several items of historical interest to East Central have been presented to the Alumni Association. It was decided that a coffee hour be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the private dining hall with these items on display so that interested alumni could view them. The new memorial trophies and the pictures of former All-State and All-American athletes will also be displayed.

Upon motion by Madaline Mayes and seconded, W. H. Johnson was requested to write a resolution honoring Mrs. Sullivan for her service to East Central.

Miss Wood read recommendations received for the Teacher of the Year award. After hearing the recommendations it was unanimously agreed that Miss Una Harris would receive this honor. Miss Wood suggested that in addition to the plaque for Miss Harris that the Alumni Association present Miss Harris with a gift. Everyone accepted the suggestion and Miss Wood indicated that she would ask Mrs. Jessie Everett to select the gift.

Miss Wood excused herself from the meeting stating she felt she should not be present since her name had been submitted for the Alumnus of the Year award. The recommendations were read by

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING
November 6, 1965

The annual business meeting of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association was held November 6, 1965 in Burton Library. The meeting was called to order by Lucille Wood, Alumni Association President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A financial statement was given with a balance of alumni funds being \$92.05.

Miss Wood called for new business to come before the Association. W. H. Johnson, Jr. read a resolution honoring Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan for her contribution to East Central Junior College. Upon motion by W. H. Johnson, Jr. and seconded, the resolution was approved. A copy is attached hereto as a part of these minutes. Miss Wood asked Mr. Johnson to read the resolution at the alumni banquet to follow.

Bobby Everett read a resolution commending the East Central Junior College football team and coaches for compiling a record of five wins and two losses thus far for the 1965 season. Upon motion by Bobby Everett and seconded, the resolution was adopted and a copy is attached hereto as a part of these minutes. Miss Wood asked Mr. Everett to read the resolution at the alumni banquet.

Miss Wood announced that the historical material on display in the private dining room regarding East Central had been given to the Alumni Association by former students and friends. She asked the Association's wishes regarding the material. W. H. Johnson, Jr. commended Miss Wood for the outstanding job she has done as Alumni Association president and made a motion that the Association go on record as thanking Miss Wood for the work she has done and for collecting the historical material. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

After discussion regarding the historical material, Miss Lorene Wood made a motion that the incoming executive committee of the Alumni Association ask the college for a room on the campus that could be called an alumni room and that the material be displayed there. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Bill Huff stated that he had become interested in the historical material collected and was interested in adding to the collection. Mr. Huff made a motion that the incoming Alumni Association President appoint a Historical Committee and that the Historical committee be responsible for appointing a permanent class secretary for each class to help in securing historical data concerning classes and East Central Junior College. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. J. M. Thames made a motion that a resolution for Mrs. Stella Newsome be drawn up and submitted to the Association for approval. He stated that Mrs. Newsome had meant much to the institution and to individual students. The motion was seconded and approved.

Miss Wood read Administrative Memo Number Ten to the group and asked that the association respond to it. She stated that she had answered the memorandum and that she had mailed copies of her reply and the memorandum to the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, the Nominating Committee, and the Board of Trustees of East Central Junior College. The memorandum stated in part that no full-time employee of East Central Junior College would be permitted to hold an office in the Alumni Association. After discussing the matter at length, W. H. Johnson, Jr. made the following motion: That the incoming executive committee take the matter up with the administration of the college and determine whether or not there was any justification for the issuance of

Administrative Memorandum Number Ten, and that the Executive Committee report to the Association its findings. If no justification can be found the committee will suggest that the memorandum be rescinded. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Bill Huff, Chairman of the nominating Committee made the following report from the committee.

Henry Hudspeth, President
Wilson Taylor, Vice President
June Monroe, Secretary
Mansell Hill, Leake Co. Vice President
Beth Darby, Neshoba Co. Vice President
Dr. L. B. Adkins, Newton Co. Vice President
Maurice Harrison, Scott Co. Vice President
Bill Tabor, Winston Co. Vice President

Mr. J. M. Thames made a motion that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and that the officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Miss Madeline Mayes
Secretary

Lucille Wood
President

The Nellie Neill Cross Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of the late Nellie Neill Cross by her former students and friends. Mrs. Cross served East Central as a member of the faculty, as manager of the Sullivan Student Center and as a loyal supporter of the college for more than fifty years. The scholarship will be annually awarded to an entering freshman who plans to major in music with an emphasis in voice.

*I approve the release of the
above for college publications:*

Corinne Cross Neal-McJilton
Corrine Cross Neal-McJilton

Frank M. Cross
Frank M. Cross

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**ECCC Presents
The AT&T
Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon
and Recognition Ceremony**

**June 16, 2011
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome Dr. Phil Sutphin
President

Invocation Mr. Mickey Vance
Vice President for Business Operations

Recognition of Guests Mr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Photographs Mr. Bubby Johnston
Mrs. Maria McLeod
Ms. Karen Robertson
Public Information Office

Photographs will be taken as each scholarship donor and
recipient is called forward to be recognized

Benediction Mr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Background music provided by Mrs. Natalie Emmons

****LUNCH****

Lunch will be served in the Mabry Cafeteria at the
conclusion of the recognition ceremony.

**ECCC Presents
The AT&T
Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon
and Recognition Ceremony**

June 8, 2012
10:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Dr. Phil Sutphin
President

Invocation.....Mr. James Miller
Dean of Students

Recognition of Guests.....Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

PhotographsMr. Bubby Johnston
Mrs. Maria McLeod
Public Information Office

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Benediction.....Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND AT&T
SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

June 14, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Dr. Billy W. Stewart
President

Invocation.....Matthew Evans
ECCC Sophomore and Scholarship Recipient

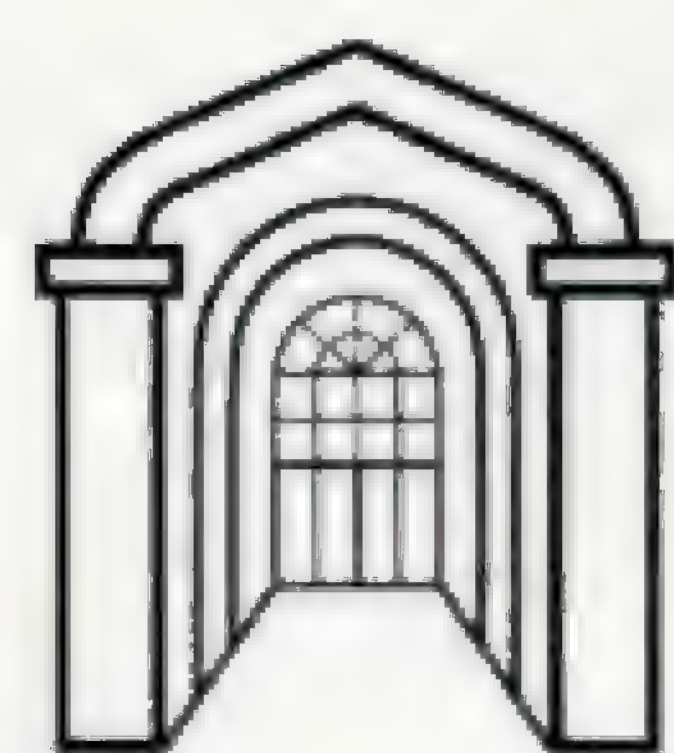
Recognition of Guests.....Dr. Randall E. Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Photographs.....Mr. Bubby Johnston
Vice President for Public Information
and staff members

*Photographs will be made as scholarship donors and recipients are called
forward to be recognized.*

~LUNCH~

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at the conclusion of the recognition ceremony.*



EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

East Central Community College Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon and Recognition Ceremony

June 12, 2014 · Huff Auditorium · 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Mr. Chas Evans
Guitar Instructor

Welcome Dr. Billy W. Stewart
President

Invocation Ms. Leah Ferguson
SBA President

Recognition of Guests Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Benediction Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Photographs Mr. Bubby Johnston
Vice President for Public Information and Staff

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LUNCH

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EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Scholarship Recognition Ceremony and Appreciation Luncheon

June 12, 2015 • 10:30 a.m.

Huff Auditorium

Prelude Mr. Chas Evans
Guitar Instructor

Welcome Dr. Billy W. Stewart
President

Invocation Mr. Benjamin Pace
ECCC Student

Recognition of Donors & Recipients Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Benediction Dr. Randall Lee
Vice President for Student Services

Photographs* Mr. Bill Wagon
Associate Vice President for Public Information

**Photographs will be taken as both scholarship donor
and recipient are called forward to be recognized.*

~LUNCH~

*Lunch will be served in Mabry Cafeteria at the
conclusion of the recognition ceremony.*

ECCC Foundation Receives Record \$2.68 Million Gift



*Frances Gaines Blum Slagle
Class of 1940*

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GEOLOGIST'S MEMORY

Rebecca Henry Boswell, right, of Louisville recently honored her late husband by establishing the Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Harrison graduated from ECCC and went on to become a nationally recognized geological expert. At left is Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of foundation and alumni relations at the college.

Boswell scholarship established at ECCC

special to The Star

A scholarship in memory of Ernest Harrison Boswell has been established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Initiated by his widow, Rebecca Henry Boswell, and children Ann Spell, Linda Montgomery, Karen Gibson and Harry Boswell, the award honors the Louisville native and 1940 EC graduate who became a nationally recognized expert in the field of geology.

Boswell authored more than 30 scientific reports and papers on the subject and received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1983.

Boswell, who met his wife while attending East Central, was a member of a National Guard unit in Decatur and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He graduated with a master's degree in geology from the University of Alabama in 1949.

To be eligible for the Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial Scholarship, applicants must be incoming male freshmen from Winston County and enroll as a full-time students at ECCC. They must also have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and demonstrate financial need.

The amount of the scholarship will be based on earnings from the endowment.

For information call ECCC Student Services toll-free at (877) 462-3222, ext. 375.



East Central Community College

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Mr. Troy Brown

Dr. Phil Sutphin

*Mr. Mike Hurst
SBA President
1994-95*

Mr. Leon Eulankar

Dr. Eddie W. Smith

*Mr. Eulankar is presenting a check for \$19,000
to fund the Kalyan-Bess Scholarship.*

October 4, 1994

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1991- Dr. Austin Bogan, Decatur

1994- Homer Hunter, Decatur

Ovid S. Vickers, Decatur

MEDICAL DOCTORS WHO ATTENDED
ECJC (Please add to this list)

Andy Bishop – Decatur
Bertha Ann Bishop – Decatur
Dempsey Amaker – Deceased
Jack Blount – Philadelphia
June Blount -
Lumar Weems – Forest
Duane Burgess –
Walterine Herrington – Union
Joe Todd – Decatur
Bob Giffin – Louisville
Keith Everett – Decatur
Jack Evans _ Decatur
George Ball – Tylertown
Beverly Henry – Edinburg
Hector Harrell – Deceased
James Gordon – Decatur
Edwin Miller – Decatur
Tommy Giles – Decatur
Charles Crenshaw, Sr.
Charles Crenshaw, Jr.
Bill Wheeler - Decatur

Don Smith – Decatur
Buddy Dodson – Harperville
Harold Pace – Newton
Charles Wright, Jr. - Decatur
Tim Cakes
Lester Willis
Jasper Moore
Johnny Jones
Jack Houston (Deceased)
James Dunigan (Deceased)
Bernard Stamper
Ed Workhouser
Bill Bowen
Randy Richardson – Union
_____ Tolbert
Charles Cannon
Lester Willis
Herd Stove – Ludlow
Johnny Moore – Sebastopol
Loutrell Stribling
Jack Jackson – (Deceased)
Mike Boler - Union
Jack Jackson – Deceased

Hilda Edwards – Decatur

Ben Crowford

Jim Hendrix

Kevin Nichols

William Earl Thomas – Union

Theron Evans, Jr. – Newton

DENTIST (Please add to this list)

Rudolph Posey – Philadelphia

George Smith – Louisville

David Rives – Decatur

Lee Russell

John Harrison

Billy Lindsley

Tommy Jones

J.W. Price

L.N. Rhodes

Buster Evans – Lake

L. N. Rhodes – Collinsville

VETERINARY MEDICINE – (Please add to this list)

Horace Adair – Decatur

Terry Don Clay – Philadelphia

John Gibson

James Cox (Deceased)

Doyle Eaves – Louisville

Charles Horne (Deceased)

George Dukes – Atlanta

Rob Loper

Neal Luke

Robert McDonald

Charles Edwards

Stan Whittington

PHARMACY

Leisz Everett

Jack Stribling

Leon Williams

Johnny Cupton

Albert Valentiae

Gary Adkins

Harry Moore

Tommy Luckett

Marshal Carson

Sarah Franklin

Bill Taber

Judy Wolventon

Jean Mills

Charles Boggan

Ken Nichols

Carol Parker

Diane GriffinHuey

Gary Beckam

David French

Paula Harris

Jo Ellen Crenshaw

David Pace

Glen Nicholson

Jerry Smith

James Smith

Scott Long

Clayton Whitehead

Louis Crenshaw

Tommy Sanders

Mary Ann McDonald

Jack McMichael

Donnie Scribner

Larry Hardy

Kaki Bounds

Charlie Roland

Percy Kea

Jo Lynn Holley

Rita Harrell

Renea Hollingsworth

DOCTORS OF EDUCATION OR PHD'S

Rosie Lee Daniel – Decatur

Clyde Williamson – Carthage

Gene Wiggins – Forest

Chester Wells – Decatur

Harold Acock – Hickory

Harold Graham – Decatur

Joe Lewis

Bob Tom Johnson – Morton

Skippy Taylor – Decatur

John Hollingsworth – Decatur

Roger Easom – Decatur

Pat Harris – Decatur

Sandra Rivers – Hickory

Tommy Richardson – Rose Hill

Patsy Denson

Jo Agnew – Morton

Royce Luke

Eddie Smith – Noxapater

Shelby Harris- Union

B. J. Tucker – Edinburg

Clyde Muse – Sabastopol

Pam Carthledge – Louisville

Verbie Lovorn – Thomastown

Martha Johnson – Decatur

Dan Young

Cheryl Hicks – Hickory

Ed Bobby Hudson – Noxapater (Columbus)

Wendell McElhanney

Clark Measels

Pud Dennis

Gayle Harrel Casteopathia

Kenneth Slaughter

Martha Mayes – Decatur

Glen Eaves

Roy Smith, Jr. – Decatur

Swinton Hill

Ruphert Palmer

Ken Wooten

Charles Harbour – Philadelphia

Jerald Walton – Dixon

Carl Smith – Decatur

Burt Thompson – Columbus

Chester McWhorter – Decatur

Linda Smith – Decatur

Tim Pennington

Martha Weems – Forest

Charles Waggoner – Hickory

Rainer Johnson – Beulah Hubbard

Keith Parker – Neshoba Central

James Rawson

_____ Davis

Mildred Wells – Meridian (deceased)

Barbara Ridings – Mobile

Doris Wiggins – Philadelphia

Bert Sharp

Troy Henderson

Hugh Parker – Heidelberg

Joe Agnew

Alton McNeil

Don Myers

Cherry Scoggins

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HE'S HANDICAPPED?

Accountant Named ECJC 'Alumnus'

DECATUR — Leon Sims, 63, highly successful Philadelphia tax accountant, has been paralyzed from the waist down and partially paralyzed in his arms since infancy, but has earned his living for 42 years.

Saturday night, November 7, Sims was named "Alumnus of the Year" by the East Central Junior College Alumni Association and honored at the association's annual banquet on the campus.

State Welfare Commissioner Arthur Winstead, a life-long friend and former schoolmate, presented Sims a plaque, and paid tribute to his life and work.

"Leon Sims deserves more credit than any individual I know," said Winstead. "He asks no odds, no favors. He makes his own way, is honest and capable."

Winstead said Sims had "rendered a great service to the rural people of Neshoba county by helping the eligible to secure Social Security coverage."

He pointed out that Sims has been "highly successful in his work and is married to one of Philadelphia's loveliest women," the former Virginia Sanders, of Memphis, a nurse at the Indian Center.

Born near Union in Neshoba county to the late B. F. Sims and Mrs. Sims, Leon at two and a half years was stricken with poliomyelitis. The disease left the little boy completely paralyzed in his legs, and partially paralyzed in his arms.

Until he was 16, Leon got about only by crawling or by being carried. Enrolled as a ninth grade student at Newton County Agricultural High School (now East Central Junior College), Decatur, the youth was carried up and down stairs and to and from classes by willing schoolmates.

In 1924, through the assistance of the Civilian (now Vocational) Rehabilitation Division, State Department of Education, young Sims entered the Hospital for Crippled Adults in Memphis. There for a period of six months he underwent three operations to lengthen the tendons of his legs. He was fitted with braces, and furnished crutches.

Leon stayed out of school through 1925, learning to walk

completed Newton AHS in 1928, and for four years eked out a living as a part-time salesman of office supplies.

"It was hard going—right in the middle of the depression—but Leon Sims never complained. He was independent in spirit then, as he is today," said Winstead.

In 1932, Sims entered Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., to study business law. He was graduated in 1933, and launched his business in Philadelphia. Sims did title work and brokerage work for major oil companies and others. In 1955, he established his accounting office, Leon M. Sims Tax Service.

"Leon Sims has done exceedingly well in his business, and is well-known and respected," Winstead stated.

"I've done no more than any man, given the opportunity, ought to do," Sims said.

Of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division program, he said: "Vocational Rehabilitation is doing a wonderful work. It made a change in my life. It got me up out of the dust where I could make a living."

Paul Simmons, Louisville, president of the ECJC Alumni, presided at the banquet, which was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

DR. VERBIE LOVORN PREVOST

Dr. Verbie Lovron Prevost, voted "Alumna of the Year", serves as coordinator of English Developmental Studies and Acting Director of English Composition at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Dr. Prevost is a graduate of Thomastown High School where she was class valedictorian.

She continued her education at East Central Junior College and was named salutatorian. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Mississippi College and she earned the Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Prevost has also studied at the Yeats International School in Sligo, Ireland.

While at East Central, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Tau Sigma, Baptist Student Union, concert choir, *Tom-Tom* staff, and the college speech team. She represented East Central at the State Junior College Speech Festival and was later named to the East Central Hall of Fame.

Following her graduation from Mississippi College, Dr. Prevost returned to East Central and taught English for one year. She then accepted a position at Mississippi College. She then was employed by the University of Alabama until being named to her current position at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Currently, Dr. Prevost is a member of the Educational Advisory Board for the Collegiate Press and the National Council of the Teachers of English Committee on Contemporary Issues.

She has presented scholarly papers to the South Central Modern Language Association, the National Association of Developmental Studies, and the Popular Culture Association. She has also written widely on the subject of remedial and developmental studies.

Recently, Dr. Prevost received a grant to attend the Pennsylvania

State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition.

Along with her East Central honor, Dr. Prevost has also been named Outstanding Teacher in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

She is a member of the Baptist Church, Friends of the Library, serves as Commissioner for the Middle Valley Soccer League, and does volunteer work at the Big Ridge Elementary School and the school for the Arts and Sciences in Chattanooga.

She is married to Hubert L. Prevost, Jr., who serves as Director of Cooperative Education at UTC. They have two children, Blair Alexander, 11, and Alison Leigh, 10, who attend Chattanooga School of the Arts and Sciences.



Blackberry Picking Time

Blackberries by June meant cobblers, summer, and a good year ahead.

BY VERBIE LOVORN PREVOST

EVERY YEAR on June 1, my maternal grandmother celebrated her birthday and foretold the coming year. Her fortune cards were a blackberry cobbler, and reading the future was easy. The presence of a fresh blackberry cobbler insured a year of good fortune while its absence indicated a year of unmitigated disasters. In central Mississippi Grandma usually found enough berries for her birthday cobbler.

One year, however, all efforts by the entire family failed to produce a single fresh berry on June 1. When my mother tried to substitute a cobbler made from canned berries, Grandma pooh-poohed such attempts and foresaw a year of death and destruction. Sure enough, Bessie—Grandma's favorite cow—died, a hawk devoured an entire setting of chickens, and the worst drought of the decade devastated our crops.

All year we listened politely to Grandma's endless Cassandra-like wailings, but somehow we five grandchildren couldn't see the connection between blackberries not being ripe by June 1 and Bessie's death in October. We were even more impatient than Grandma for blackberry season to begin. For us, blackberries meant being out of school, going barefooted, catching long strings of huge bream, smelling newly plowed soil, and feasting on fresh blackberries and blackberry cobblers.

Most years the berries were early—often arriving in late May—and abundant. Purple stains covered our tongues and mouths and ruined many a piece of clothing. A purple tinge remained under our fingernails throughout the season as we devoured pounds of fresh berries straight from the vines, oblivious to bugs, worms, or dirt.

Blackberries even eased the burden of long work days. Since most of our cotton and corn fields were edged by wild blackberry vines, the berries were a reward waiting at the end of each row. An indulgent father only occasionally

lost patience when short snacks turned into long feasts—and lost work time. During lunch breaks or those rare times we got caught up on chores, we grandchildren grabbed pails and headed to the vines.

One June our enthusiasm for blackberries dampened temporarily. During a lunch break we were having only

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moderate success with our picking when the eldest grandchild spotted several heavily laden vines just across the pasture fence. We gingerly climbed through the barbed wire fence, but we lost our initial apprehension as we started grabbing berries by the handfuls.

Because we were trying to outpick each other, the only sound was an occasional "ouch" when a thorn grabbed an exposed piece of flesh. Despite the adults' admonitions, we children seldom dressed properly for blackberry picking. Covering ourselves completely

to go out in the Mississippi noon heat seemed too high a price to pay to avoid a few scratches.

About that time, Grandchild Two screamed, "Snake!" Our split-second hesitation was followed with a sudden burst of energy. Grandchild Three, the most fearful, dropped her bowl where she stood and dove headfirst through the barbed wire fence back into the pasture. Though a slight child, she was unable to maintain the arrow position necessary to avoid injury, and ugly red scratches filled rapidly with blood.

Scratches soon heal, though, and even memories of monstrous snakes fade rapidly amid the call of wild blackberries. We grandchildren continued to greet each blackberry season with the unbridled joy of youth.

Childhood days of blackberry seasons passed—as such days are wont to do. Now I live several hundred miles from that Mississippi farm of my youth, and I see blackberry vines mostly from my car as I speed down the interstate. When June arrives each year, though, I find myself slowing down long enough to distinguish the succulent dark berries hanging from the vines. I allow my mouth to start watering and my mind to drift toward the land of childhood nostalgia.

Then I quickly remind myself that I'm in a hurry for an appointment, that I'm not properly dressed for berry picking, or that I don't have a suitable container for berries. My car gradually picks up speed again, and the berries blur and then become indistinguishable—along with my memories of past blackberry pickings. But I sometimes wonder if my June—maybe my whole year—wouldn't be better if I succumbed to the momentary longing to stop and pick enough blackberries for at least one small cobbler.

Verbie Lovorn Prevost grew up in Thomas-town and currently resides in Hixson, Tennessee, where she teaches English at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. ■

RECORD OF ALUMNI AWARDS

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

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- 1965- Lucille Wood, Decatur.
- 1966- Henry D. Horton, Louisville.
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- 1968- W.H. Johnson Jr., Decatur
- 1969- Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
- 1970- Leon Sims, Deceased
- 1971- Charles Carter, Jackson
- 1972- Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
- 1973- Arno Vincent, Meridian
- 1974- Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
- 1975- W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
- 1976- John Risher, Philadelphia
- 1977- Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
- 1978- Class of 1928, First Class
- 1979- Glenn D. Walker, Union
- 1980- Russell Walton, Deceased
- 1981- Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
- 1982- Denver Brackeen, Union
- 1983- Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
- 1984- Herman Alford, Deceased
- 1985- Carl B. Cooper, Deceased
Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
- 1986- Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
- 1987- Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
Dr. Addie R. Lee Birmingham,
Alabama
- 1988- Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
- 1989- Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
- 1990- Larry Hogue, Jackson
Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
- 1991- Dr Clyde Muse, Raymond

Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
1992- Earl Marshall, Clinton
June Bailey, Biloxi
1993- Melvin Tingle, Decatur
Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
1994- Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson
Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, North Carolina
1995- Dr. John Gipson, Newton
Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Association shall be known as East Central Community College Alumni Association and its domicile shall be at East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purposes of the Association shall be to serve as a link between the institution and its alumni, faculty and friends and to promote the welfare and success of the institution.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Former students, faculty, staff members, administrators and friends are eligible for membership in the Association.

Membership in this Association shall consist of the following groups: Active, Life, Associate, and Honorary

Section I. Active Membership. An Alumnus who has paid the current annual dues prescribed by the Association. An active membership entitles the member to vote and to hold an office in the Association.

Section II. Life Membership. Those members who have purchased their life Memberships according to the dues prescribed by the Association. Life membership may be either active or associate.

Section III. Associate Membership. Any interested person who has paid the current Annual dues prescribed by the Association. An associate member is entitled to all privileges of the Association with the exception of voting and holding office. (An associate member is not an alumnus of the institution).

Section IV. Honorary Membership. Issued to friends who have made outstanding contributions to East Central Community College; retired faculty and staff members who have served at least fifteen years at East Central Community College; members of the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College.

Each graduate of East Central Community College shall receive one year free active membership in the Alumni Association the year following graduation.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Board of Directors

Section I. The elected officers of the Association shall be the president, the vice-President, and the secretary. They shall be elected at the annual Homecoming meeting for a term of one year, effective at the time of election.

A. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the Association, appoint necessary committees, and call business meetings.

B. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to act in the capacity of the President during the president's absence.

C. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association and to make such reports at the meetings.

Section II. There shall be a Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations, appointed by the College President.

Section III. **There shall be a 20 member Board of Directors** composed of the Association Officers, the President of the College, the Vice President for Student Services, a representative of the recruiting office, the immediate past Association President, **two representatives from each of the five supporting counties in the East Central Community College District and three members-at-large representing those alumni living outside the East Central Community College District.** Association officers shall not hold an officer's position and be a county or out-of-district representative.

County and at large representatives shall be appointed by the Association officers after conferring with fellow alumni from the District and members at large.

Other members of the Board of Directors shall include a faculty representative and a student representative. These two shall be appointed each year in September by the Association president and their responsibility shall be to advise the Alumni Association in such matters that will make the Association more effective from a faculty-student point of view.

The Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations shall be an Ex-Officio member of this Board.

Section IV. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the Alumni Association President and two members of the Board of Directors appointed by the Association President. This committee shall act between meetings of the board upon matters deemed necessary by the Alumni President or the Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Section V. The Board of Directors shall meet two times a year, in the spring and prior to Homecoming, and/or upon call of the Association president.

Section VII. Routine expenditures shall be approved by the Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

ARTICLE V

Adoption and Amendments

Section I. This constitution may be amended or adopted at any regular meeting by three-fourths of those present.

ARTICLE VI

Alumni of the Year

A male and a female Alumnus of the Year shall be selected each year and honored at Homecoming. Those selected must have been enrolled as a student at East Central Community College; however, actual graduation is not required.

The Alumni of they Year awards shall be selected by a secret vote of an Alumni of the Year Committee. Said committee shall be appointed by the Association president and shall be composed of three alumni from each of the five counties in the East Central Community College District and three alumni outside the district.

Nomination for Alumni of the Year may be made by any alumnus of East Central Junior College and shall be presented in writing to the Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Nomination for Alumni of the Year must be made by the published deadline each year.

ARTICLE VII

Outstanding Faculty of the Year

One academic and one vocational-technical faculty member will be selected each year as Outstanding Faculty of the Year. They shall be nominated by any faculty member, student or former student of the college and elected by a secret "Faculty of the Year" committee. Said committee will be composed of two college administrators, two faculty members and two members of the alumni association who are not employed by the college.

ARTICLE VIII

Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former athletes will be selected each year for membership in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Any alumnus may nominate and election will be by a committee of eleven (11) former varsity athletes consisting of two from each of the five supporting counties in the district and one from outside the district.

ARTICLE IX

Alumni Year

The Alumni Fiscal Year shall begin on July 1 and continue for twelve months, ending on the following June 30.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Dues

The Alumni Association Board of Directors shall set annual dues for active and associate memberships.

Dues for life membership may be purchased for \$100 for individuals and \$150 for couples.

There shall be no dues charged for honorary memberships.

ARTICLE II

Income and Expenditures

Financial support of the Association shall be derived from three sources, membership dues, gifts and budgeted college funds. Income from membership dues and gifts is to be used for alumni promotions and special projects and as a supplement to the college budgeted funds.

All alumni income and expenditures shall be handled through the college Business Office.

Funds received through the Association from dues, gifts or whatever source shall be used solely for the betterment of East Central Community College and its alumni and friends and shall not inure to the benefit of any one person.

All alumni income and expenditures shall be audited annually.

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| Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C. | |

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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| 1985 - Denver Brackeen, Union | 1992 - Evelyn Bender, Lawrence |
| 1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur | Joe Clark, Decatur |
| 1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, Deceased | Bert Thompson, Deceased |
| 1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, Deceased | 1993 - Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville |
| 1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur | Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, |
| Arno Vincent, Meridian | Decatur |
| Earl Marshall, Clinton | Louis Watwood, Arlington, Virginia |
| 1990 - Jeff Loper, Decatur | 1994 - Charlene Jones Bates, Forest |
| Richard Harris, Hickory | Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, Georgia |
| Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson | Malcolm "Puddin" Jones, Deceased |
| 1991 - Larry Henderson, Daphne, Alabama | 1995 - Clayton Blount, Decatur |
| Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs | Nan Huston Keenan, Rose Hill |
| Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, Florida | James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville |

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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| 1991 - Dr. Austin Bogan, Decatur | 1994 - Homer Hunter, Decatur |
| | Ovid S. Vickers, Decatur |

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

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| 1982 - Ovid Vickers | 1989 - Joe Clark, Larry Blackburn |
| 1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris | 1990 - Lois McMullan, Wallace Keen |
| 1984 - Jessie M. Everett | 1991 - Tom Carson, Ricky Harrison |
| 1985 - Bruce Guraedy, Al Bailey | 1992 - Ron Davis, Lester Miles |
| 1986 - Ann Burkes, O. L. Newell | 1993 - Lucille Wood, Sara Griffin |
| 1987 - Tommy Thrash, Chester Clark | 1994 - Alice Pouncey, Elizabeth Pitts |
| 1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge, John Adcock | 1995 - Al Deaton, Sarah A. Griffin |

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Versatile Spiva aims for high school hoops history

Wert Spiva drives a bus route to and from tiny Coldwater High School five days a week. He also teaches a math class and three physical education classes.

That's not all. Spiva coaches both girls and boys track and field teams. He is the head coach for the Coldwater football team. He founded and plays guitar in a blues band that sings in four different churches and has recorded its own CD. Well, yes, and tonight 38-year-old Spiva will attempt to make Mississippi basketball history when he coaches the Coldwater girls against the McAdams boys and girls basketball teams

in Class 1A state championship games at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

No one coach has ever guided two teams to state championships in the same season. Not many would even try. Of course, not many would have the time — or the ability.

"The toughest part is just finding enough time in the day," Spiva said. "It makes for some really long days and



Rick
Cleveland



Gallery: Coldwater in State Tournament

both the boys and girls teams on a church bus and head for Jackson for the 2-hour, 45-minute drive down I-55. (He'll have to find a substitute for his afternoon bus route.)

The Coldwater girls, trying to win a third straight state title, play top-ranked

McAdams at 7 p.m. Win or lose, Spiva

will have about 10 minutes to celebrate or commiserate before his boys play Myrtle in their championship game.

That's the hardest part of doing both, putting one game behind you and focusing on the next one," says McAdams coach Kenyon Ross, who should know.

Ross will coach the McAdams girls against Coldwater tonight. Ross' McAdams

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Cleveland: Spiva has multiple talents

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boys were eliminated by Coldwater 65-54 last Friday night.

"Wert and I have gotten to be friends over the years in coaching," Ross said Wednesday. "We talked this morning and I told him he was going to have to let me have a little piece of the pie Thursday night. He already knocked my boys out."

Steps in during financial pinch

Ross, especially, respects what Spiva will try to accomplish.

"People who've never done it just can't realize all the time you spend in a gym if you're trying to coach two different teams and do it right," he said.

This is Spiva's first full season coaching both teams. He has coached the Coldwater girls to three state championships, including the last two. He took over the boys team this season when Kenzaki Jones left Coldwater for nearby Senatobia in mid-July.

As is the case with so many Mississippi high schools, Coldwater and the Tate County schools are facing severe financial strain. One way to cut costs is to have one basketball coach for two teams.

"It did help us financially for Coach Spiva to take the boys job," said Tate County Schools Superintendent Gary Walker. "But to be honest, Wert is such a talented man, such a man of character, that we thought it was the best solution given the time frame."

Given the opportunity, Spiva accepted the additional task.

"I coach most of these same boys in track and field anyway," Spiva said. "I already had a relationship with them. I was used to them and they were used to me, for better or worse."

Several of Mississippi's most successful basket-

ball coaches — men like Norris Ashley of Ingomar, Archie Carlyle of Yazoo City and George Willis of Hollandale Simmons — have won both boys and girls titles in different years. Nobody — at least nobody in Mississippi High School Activities Association records — has won both in the same year.

Girls easier to coach than boys

The key to making the quick switch from one team to the other on the same night is pre-game-day preparation, Spiva said.

"By the time I'm ready to go in after the girls games, the boys have already come out on the floor for warm-ups," he said. "You better have done all the preparation beforehand, because there's no time in between."

Spiva uses similar systems for both teams.

"We don't change much," he said. "We might be a little more aggressive defensively with the boys, but we basically do the same things."

Interestingly, Spiva agrees with fellow coaches Carlyle and Ross about whether it's easier to coach girls or boys.

"Girls, definitely," Carlyle said. "They don't have the egos. They don't think they already know everything."

Said Ross: "The girls don't watch as much basketball. They're not out there trying to be the next LeBron James or Kobe Bryant."

Spiva, who has spent most of his career coaching girls, has proven this season the same skills apply to coaching either gender.

There's one other constant that applies, Spiva said.

"Having good players and good kids is the biggest thing," he said. "We've got both."

Contact Rick Cleveland at rcleveland@clarion-ledger.com.

From: Wert Spiva

To: gjohnson@email.eccc.edu

Date: Sunday, March 08, 2009 8:48:21 PM

Subject: Thanks

Hi Ms. Johnson!

Thanks to you and your staff for the moral support. I'm very proud to be a product of ECCC. I will always cherish those memories made there. Special thanks to Ms. Wood for believing in me and pushing me to become the best possible coach & person I could become. I'll forever be grateful and thankful to all of you. God bless and keep you all with my sincere thanks and appreciation. Please pass this message along!! Thanks

Coach Wert Spiva

*The girl who painted you
pictures.*

One-woman painting, slide *Duluth News-Tribune, Nov. 14, 1973* show to open at Gallery 5

Artist Doris Sampson of Superior will have a one-woman show of paintings and slides opening Thursday at Gallery 5, 208½ W. Superior St.

Mrs. Sampson's collection of slides provides a steady supply of subject matter for painting during the winter months. Her paintings reflect the wide variety of subjects captured by her cameras.

A demonstration of her painting techniques will be given from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Mrs. Sampson's paintings and slides display the natural beauty of the Northland as well as local points of interest and wildlife.

The slide presentations will be divided into two groups and presented a week apart on Thursday and on Nov. 15 between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The first showing is entitled "Seasons Four" featuring 200 slides on the outdoors. "Sailing" is the second slide presentation. It includes more than 150 slides taken during the Duluth Keel Club races.

Mrs. Sampson will participate in the slide shows on these two dates. Other times, both slide shows will be

available to visitors to the gallery upon request.



DORIS SAMPSON

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Yuletide Plans

Christmas Parade And Treasure Chest Here

Yuletide events for Newton are planned and now scheduled by the Special Days and Events Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The annual Christmas Parade is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. The Christmas Treasure Chest, set up by the Retail Trade Committee, will offer holiday bonuses to lucky people on three Fridays in December and on Christmas Eve.

Added attraction for Parade afternoon is appearance of the Wahabi Shrine Motorcycle Corps from Jackson. The Shriners have accepted invitation to appear, and their appearance is expected to be entertaining and colorful.

Parade Prizes

Cash prizes are offered for winning floats, both youth and adult entries, and cars decorated by youth and adults. Entries should be registered at the Chamber of Commerce office. Local bands and queens are invited to participate in the Christmas Parade.

Prizes offered are: First place youth float \$20, and adult float \$20. Second placing float prizes are \$10 for both youth and adult. For decorated cars, offered prizes are \$10 for youth car and \$10 for adult car.

Treasure Chest

The Christmas Treasure Chest will follow similar regulations of earlier holiday trades programs, with added accumulated cash certificates. Participating merchants will begin giving tickets for the treasure on Nov. 25. The Friday

Five persons will receive awards each week and six treasure chests or envelopes each week will contain cash certificates. The chests not chosen will accumulate for the mystery award Christmas Eve.

A total of \$1,100 will be given in cash certificates.

Police Report Shows October Violations

During the month of October chief violation handled by the city police was public drunkenness, with 10 cases. In addition 4 drivers were apprehended while under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Traffic violations were: 7 accidents, 6 reckless driving, 6 no driving license, 7 ran stop or red light, 3 speeding, 4 failed to yield right-of-way, 5 improper equipment, 3 improper tag, 4 driving wrong way on one-way street, 1 with no inspection sticker, 1 improper turn.



GUEST EVANGELIST at Newton Presbyterian Church, Nov. 15-22, is the Rev. Ben Wilkerson of Decatur, Ga. Weekday services are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. On Sundays the services will be at customary hours.

The revivalist is a native of Gloster, Miss., and graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, with a B. A. degree in public speaking. He received seminary training at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., and has done graduate study there and at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. He has served as student supply and as pastor, and was an outstanding pastor of an Atlanta Inner City Mission. He is connected with the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship of Hopewell, Va.

The Rev. Dale McCord and members invite friends to attend.

**Newton Employee
United Gas Co.**

United Givers Fund Deadline Nov. 16

Deadline set for the current United Givers Fund campaign is Monday, Nov. 16. Chairman Maury Gunter urges all division chairmen to complete the volunteer solicitation and close out the campaign with 100 per cent participation.

A special report meeting of all volunteer solicitors will be held Friday morning at 8:30 at the City Hall. All captains and workers are expected to have completed reports for this meeting.

Roundball Season Opens This Week At Clarkdale

(By Van A. Lucas)

Roll out the basketballs for the roundball season has arrived at Newton High under the direction of new head coach Bobby Espey who will be at the throttle of both the Tigers and Tigerettes.

The blue and white enter cage action this week at Clarkdale in a non-conference battle. The contest will be played Saturday, Nov. 14, with the tip-off slated for 7 o'clock in the female affair.

Both Squads

Coach Espey listed several players as key Tigers and Tigerettes with the complete listing of both squads as follows:

Tigers—(Seniors) Chris Rowell 6'4, Eddie Bethune 6'2, J. C. Johnson 5'10, Ronny Johnson 6'3, Archie Buckley 6'2, and Willie

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ECJC 1970 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR—Arthur Winstead of Jackson and Philadelphia, commissioner of Public Welfare, left, presented the 1970 Alumnus of the Year Award to his lifelong friend, Leon Sims of Philadelphia, at the annual alumni banquet Saturday night, prior to the Homecoming football game at East Central. Mrs. Sims, the former Virginia Sanders of Memphis, Tenn., holds the honor certificate. Mr. Winstead is holder of the 1969 honor alumnus award.

(Staff Photo By Lois Cooper)

Alumnus Of Year

Leon Sims Is Honored At EC Homecoming

East Central Junior College alumni and guests on Saturday had a happy Homecoming on the Decatur campus with honors to outstanding alumnus and to the Homecoming queen, and a football game with thrilling 52-15 win for the Warriors over Northeast Junior College. This was the fortieth homecoming for the five-county state institution.

Leon Sims of Philadelphia received his honor certificate from Arthur Winstead of Jackson, commissioner of Public Welfare, and holder of the 1969 alumnus award. The presentation occurred at the alumni banquet with Paul Simmons of Louisville, alumni president, acting as master of ceremonies. Dinner music was rendered by The Collegians, ECJC group, under direction of Mrs. Milton Thornton of the music department.

Building Dedicated

Dr. Charles V. Wright, college president, welcomed the alumni and officiated at the 4 p.m. dedication of the new \$392,000 physical education building. He announced that a new boys' dormitory will be located adjoining the baseball field, and reported an increase in enrollment to 662 students.

Homecoming Queen Cindy Cornelius of New Carlisle, O., and her Court were honored in the 3 p.m. Parade and at the 7:30 football game.

At the afternoon alumni business session the group voted to elect a vice-president at large each year to represent those alumni living outside the five-county area.

1970-71 are: Don Howington, president; Mack Spence, vice-president; Mrs. Tommy Thrash, secretary-treasurer; Doyle McMullan, director from Scott County, Paul Simmons of Winston County, John Risher of Neshoba County, Rudolph Mayes of Newton County, Morris Stewart of Leake County and Mrs. Tommy Guthrie, director at large.

The Alumnus of the year, Leon Sims of Philadelphia, is a native of Newton County who graduated from ECJC in 1928, four years late because of time spent in the Hospital for Crippled Adults in Memphis, Tenn. In 1933 he received his degree from Cumberland University Law School in Tennessee. He has been a title broker and is now an accountant with his own Tax Service. He is married to the former Virginia Sanders of Memphis, and she is employed at the Indian Hospital in Philadelphia.

Cherokee Conference Battle Is Thursday

Warrior (East Central) Field at Decatur will be the scene of battle for the Cherokee Conference Championship Thursday night at 7:30 between Beulah Hubbard and Choctaw Central.

It will be a rematch for the divisional champions who fought to a 26-20 game with Choctaw Central winning two weeks ago. Beulah Hubbard won in the South and Choctaw

MRS. A. L. McMULLAN DIES HERE FRIDAY; DECATUR FUNERAL

Mrs. Albert L. McMullan of Rt. 1, Newton, (Doolittle Community) died unexpectedly at 12:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 1970, at the Newton County Medical Center here, where she had been a patient for several months. Earlier she had spent four months in the Veterans' Hospital, Jackson, where it was determined that she was a multiple sclerosis victim.

Mrs. Mary Catherine McMullan

Chancery Court Is

an important engagement, and he is expecting a peak effort to avenge the previous loss to the Warriors.



MISSISSIPPI ALL STAR—Bobbie Rothhammer was initiated into the honor state group at the fall meeting at Mississippi State University Oct. 30. The All Star motto is "Growth Through Service," and membership in the organization is a highly prized honor.

Only one boy and one girl from a county can be presented each year as a candidate for membership. They must then complete a list of requirements within a year before becoming eligible for membership. All-Stars are those who excel and who try to cultivate the qualities of love, consecration, patience, and understanding.

Bobbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rothhammer of Lawrence and is attending college in Montgomery, Ala.

rary To Observe Book Week

tions to some of the whys and wherefores.

Fairy and folk tales are from Europe, Asia, Africa and America, offering explanations as to why the sky is so far away, why the bear's tail is stumpy, why the Robin has a red breast, and other matters that science cannot explain in children's language.

Usually in the many times retold tales, the good, the kind, the just outwit their foxier neighbors. Some of the tales are horrendous, but in such a smiling manner, as not to cause nightmares. Surprisingly, young readers like to read about things that are not what they seem. Some stories are merry, some are about nature and the world, human and scientific. Some

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served 2½ years in the WAVES in Washington, D. C., during World War II. She was lending her assistance to the multiple sclerosis fund drive in Newton County this month, although a wheel chair patient herself.

She leaves her husband; four brothers, Clarence Duke of Eunice, La., W. L. and Andrew Duke of Decatur and James Duke of Pasadena, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Woodham of Newton and Mrs. Michael Watches of New Baltimore, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Decatur Methodist Church, with the Revs. H. G. Winstead, Fred Fowler and J. J. Mullinax as officiants. Burial was in the Decatur Cemetery.

Maston McMullan, William McMullan, Ted Smith, Ervin Addy, Homer Hunter, Menton Valentine, Stanley McCraney, J. P. Murphey and Ed Scoggin served as active pallbearers.

The body lay in state at Hutson Chapel in Newton until the service hour. Many relatives and friends called there to be with her family and attended the funeral rites.

Alumni Officers
New officers elected to serve in

SUCCESSFUL RUBELLA CAMPAIGN IS HELD IN THIS COUNTY

A successful Rubella campaign was held recently in Newton County when 772 school children were vaccinated against this dread disease.

Members of the Newton County Health Dept., assisted by representatives from the Vaccine Assistance Project of the State Board of Health, entered every school in the county which enrolls children first through fifth grades. Each child in this age group, whose parental consent form was signed, received the Rubella vaccine. This action should raise the level of immunity in this area and, hopefully, prevent the expected epidemic in 1971.

Dr. F. L. Risher, director of the Newton County Health Dept., urges the parents of all children, ages 1-11, who have not yet been vaccinated against Rubella (German Measles), to consult their private physicians or visit the Health Dept. without delay.

AT COURTHOUSE

The November term of Chancery Court opened at Decatur Courthouse Monday, Nov. 9. Judge L. B. Porter of Union is on the bench. Mrs. Ann Amis of Brandon is court stenographer, and Harold Webb is clerk of the court. George Monroe, county attorney, will present youth matters to the court.

Wednesday, Veterans' Day, is a holiday at the Courthouse, and no session will be held. The term is usually two weeks in length.

Monday, opening day, was filled with filing of annual accounts, guardianships and administrative matters.

On Tuesday all uncontested divorces, five in number, were granted.

Two cases clearing titles on land were tried, one on Monday and one Tuesday.

Set for Thursday are the contested divorce cases. Youth court will be held Friday, and other accounts and administrative cases heard.

Next week the court will continue with contested divorce cases, land matters and estate accountings.

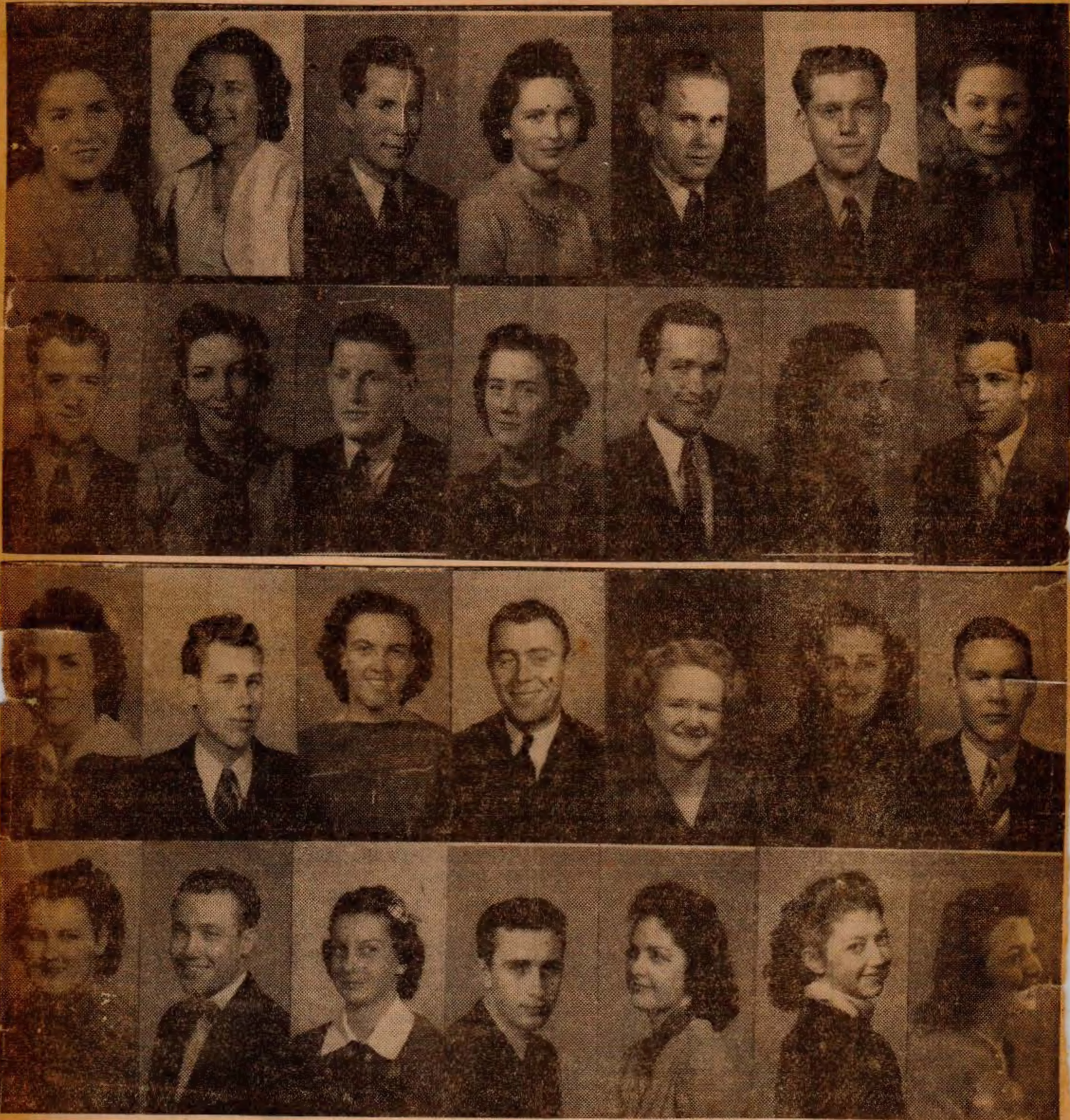


ECJC HOMECOMING QUEEN LEADS PARADE—Featured in the annual East Central Junior College Homecoming parade Saturday through downtown Decatur was Cindy Cornelius the 1970 Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melvin Cornelius of Danvers, Mass. At East Central she is active in sports, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the ECJC Players, and participated in "Oklahoma," last year.

(Staff Photo By Lois Cooper)

ON EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WHO'S WHO LIST



Above are pictured the winners in the annual Who's Who contest held at East Central Junior College, Decatur:

Top row, left to right: Dot Cunningham, Louisville, May queen; Margaret Yarbrough, Louisville, Miss East Central Junior College; Shield Sims, Columbus, East Central Junior College; Marjorie Moore, Calhoun, most intellectual girl; Charles Penning-

ton, Decatur, most intellectual boy; Harrison Boswell, Louisville, most talented boy; Isabelle Mitchell, Walnut Grove, most talented girl.

Second row, left to right: Albert Parks, Louisville, most versatile boy; Margaret Abney, Montrose, most versatile girl; Marvin Bagget, Brewton, Alabama, best boy athlete; Syble Fleming, Arlington, best girl athlete; Buck

Watkins, Dixon, best dressed boy; Frances Thomas, Philadelphia, most charming girl; Phil Cunningham, Louisville, most handsome boy.

Third row, left to right: Mary Phillips, Newton, friendliest girl; "Happy" Hawthorne, Singleton, friendliest boy; Anna King, Louisville, most typical freshman girl; Brown Harrison, Beulah-Hubbard, most typical freshman boy; Ber-

nice Caldwell, Walnut Grove, cutest girl; George Alford, Mashville, cutest boy; Eileen Jones, Carthage, "oomph" girl.

Fourth row, left to right: Frances Brooks, Lena, wittiest girl; Olen Smith, Louisville, wittiest boy; Helen Glenn Land, Philadelphia, best dressed girl; Kelly Herring, Jasper, Ala., glamour boy; Jewel Hale, Lena, beauty; Imogene Murphey, Newton, beauty; Frances Still, Newton, beauty.